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565—3.16(473) Time for action on application.

3.16(1) If the director fails to take action on an application, whether verbal or written, within ten days of filing (if the application is verbal, it shall be considered to be filed on the date that it is verbally communicated to the director), the applicant may treat the application as having been denied in all respects and may appeal therefrom as provided in this subpart.

3.16(2) Notwithstanding subrule 3.16(1) of this rule, the department may temporarily suspend the running of the ten-day period if it finds that additional information is necessary or that the application was improperly filed. The temporary suspension shall remain in effect until the director serves upon the person notice that the additional information has been received and accepted or that the application has been properly filed, as appropriate. Unless otherwise provided in writing by the director, the ten-day period shall resume running on the first day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or state legal holiday and that follows the day on which the department serves upon the person the notice described in this paragraph.